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From: **Administrator/Ex. 6**
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 10:52:18 AM
Subject: Fwd: R9 Weekender

Can you see when Dennis and Jared would like to catch up of their assessment of the tailing piles issues in their regions? This has been going on for a while and I would like to see where it's heading.

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Animus River: we're working with Regions 8 and 6 to anticipate potential effects of the mine-tailings spill upon downstream users, and welcome Matt's convening of a daily call. I've reached out to Navajo President Begay, and my team is working with NN EPA Director Dr. Ben, and the Arizona DEQ and Navajo Nation drinking water programs. Navajo Nation EPA advises that water being served to potentially affected communities is safe, as the San Juan River and Farmington (NM) water intakes were already shut due to high turbidity. We are sending staff to the Region 8 EOC.

Typhoon Soudelor:

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ADEQ: Arizona Governor Ducey just named Henry Darwin to be his new Chief of Operations and named Deputy Director, Misael Cabrera, as ADEQ's new Director.

Turn Island:

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Tailings Piles:

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Western Regional Partnership: On August 12, I'll address the Western Regional Partnership Principals' meeting in Reno about EPA's efforts to address drought. After the WRP meeting, I'll meet with the editorial board of the Reno Gazette-Journal and discuss the Clean Power Plan and abandoned mines.

Water Innovation: OW, ORD, OEI and Region 9 will support a hackathon in San Francisco next weekend focused on the water sector.
<http://www.waterinnovationproject.com/hackathon-2/> EPA ORD is a co-sponsor, providing data sets and problem statements. Region 9 is also supporting a similar outreach event at the California Academy of Sciences next weekend.

Modesto Pesticide Collection: California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) pesticide collection event held in Modesto brought in approximately 1,700 pesticide containers and 38,000 pounds of unwanted and unusable agricultural pesticides were collected free of charge to growers. We funded this event and recently awarded funds to DPR for a collection event in Imperial Valley in FY16 as part of the Making a Visible Difference Initiative.

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